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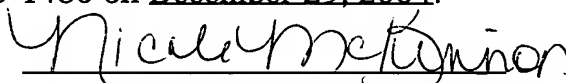
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT FOR REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Applicant submits that the Examiner's Statement for Reasons for Allowance unduly limits the scope of the claims.

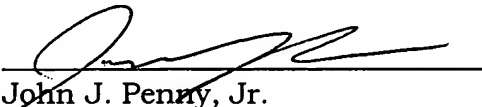
In the Examiner's Statement for Reasons for Allowance regarding claims 4-14 presented in the Office Action mailed on June 30, 2004, the Examiner recites several features. Some of these features are not included in claims 4-14. For example, independent claims 13 and 14 do not include the paper discharging frame.

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Entry and consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. Please
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Respectfully submitted,

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